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Homage Paid to Martyrs on T Day

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People launching 'sky lanterns' during Telangana Formation Day celebrations on the Tank Bund in Hyderabad on Monday evening | NEERAJ MURALI

HYDERABAD: If the main venue of Telangana Formation Day celebrations was the roads surrounding Hussainsagar on Sunday midnight, where spectacular fireworks set the sky alight, Monday saw festivities all across the city.

Various state government departments, civil liberties groups, and joint action committees (JACs) joined the celebrations at important junctions and people continued to burst crackers. Several groups reached the Gun Park memorial and paid tributes to the martyrs of Telangana struggle.

Students of Government Divyadisha Hostel in Uppal performed a traditional dance near the memorial. Mansa, a seventh grade student of Uppal ZP High School and a resident of the hostel said, "We have learnt so much about Telangana struggle recently that we wanted to come here and pay tributes. We wish all the best for the future of Telangana." Mallikarjun, physical director at the school, added, "When students were committing suicide for the cause of Telangana, I travelled 12,000 km on bike across 10 districts and gathered 10 lakh signatures for a petition for T-state. I feel content and happy today."

In the adjacent public gardens, the Telangana Horticulture JAC organised cultural programmes and sumptuous feast for employees. They performed Bathukamma dance, Bonalu and also sang Telangana anthem before moving to the martyrs' memorial.

The road leading to the Parade Grounds, where Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao addressed a gathering, was choc-a-bloc. Party workers waving pink flags could be seen anywhere. People greeted each other with handshakes and hugs. Traditional Telangana cultural songs blared from moving vehicles, to which people danced with joy. "Jai Telangana" slogans echoed everywhere.

Model Civic Body

GHMC employees must work as a team for all round development and the corporation is going to be a role model for all other local bodies in Telangana state, GHMC Mayor M Majid Hussain said.

The Mayor, along with the GHMC Commissioner, hoisted the national flag at Corporation head office here on Monday in connection with the Telangana Formation Day celebrations. Addressing the gathering, the Mayor said, "It is a privilege that Hyderabad is selected to host the mega international event of Metropolis Summit in the second week of October this year. Delegates from over 125 countries are expected to participate in this mammoth event," he added. He hoped that Hyderabad will host many more such events in future. TDP floor leader Singireddy Srinivas Reddy, GHMC Special Commissioner Rahul Bojja and others participated.

Global City

Having good roads and big buildings does not mean cities are well-developed, but providing potable drinking water and creating proper sewerage network plays a crucial role, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS &SB) Managing Director J Syamala Rao has said.

Participating in the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations at HMWS&SB head office, Khairatabad, Syamala Rao said the Water Board employees have an important role to play in the development of the city.

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao, in his first speech, made his priority on Hyderabad clear that he would strive to make it one of the best international cities, he said. Keeping thing in view, HMWS&SB staff has to play a vital in the development of the city, he added.

To tide over water shortage, Phase-III of Krishna Drinking Water Supply (90 MGD) and Phase-I of Godavari Drinking Water Supply (180 MGD) projects are under various stages of constructions. The state government should release necessary funds for completing the projects at the earliest, Syamala Rao said. Division and Sub-Division offices of HMWS&SB also celebrated the Formation Day by distributing sweets, and woman employees performed Bathukamma at the head office. HMWS&SB Executive Director Jagan Mohan and others participated.

Metro Rail

The officers and staff of Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMR) celebrated the Telangana Formation Day on Monday at the Metro Rail Bhavan.

Greeting the engineers and staff, HMR managing director NVS Reddy explained to them Telangana's rich culture, traditions and its contribution to Telugu literature. Reddy exhorted the engineers and staff to work with renewed vigour and dedication and complete the project as per schedule.

Flag Hoisted

Members of the High Court Advocates' Association have celebrated the Telangana Formation Day by cutting a cake in the association hall on Monday. Association president A Giridhar Rao and executive members participated in the programme. Senior advocates have recalled the sacrifices behind Telangana statehood. Later, the advocates hoisted the national flag outside the court premises to mark the occasion.



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